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## LOCAL FIRM GETS AWARD

Ferguson & Houston the Successful Bidders for Building the New City Hall.

### HEATING CONTRACT IS LET

New Building Will Cost \$30,953 and Heating \$3125—Mr. Nordstrom Makes a Final Protest.

The council last night awarded the contract for the construction and heating of the new city hall. Before the necessary ordinances were passed Councilman Nordstrom filed his final protest, but was broad enough to vote affirmatively for suspension of the rules, so as to not delay the work. The public property committee opened the bids yesterday afternoon and presented its recommendations to the council at the adjourned meeting. The report was adopted.

When the report was filed Mr. Nordstrom wanted to know whether or not the bid of Ferguson & Houston, the successful contractors, included the cost of grading the lot. Mayor Surprenant told him the bid called for the excavation necessary to the erection of the hall, but that some grading would be required after the building was completed. The cost of this work would be light, the mayor added.

"Well, the figures show that the new building is going to cost us more than \$40,000," said Mr. Nordstrom. "When the proposal was first taken up we agreed to spend \$15,000. Then we raised it to \$25,000, and now we are arranging for the expenditure of more than \$40,000. It seems to me we made an error when we neglected to buy the Flavel brick, by purchasing which we could have saved pretty nearly \$25,000. It's too late to talk about this matter, but I just want to give the council my idea of the situation."

Mr. Nordstrom prepared an exhibit showing the probable total cost of the hall as follows:

Building	\$30,953
Heating	3,215
Architect	2,000
Lot	4,000
Street improvement	1,500
Grading	500

Total \$42,168

Mr. Nordstrom voted against the report of the public property committee, which recommended acceptance of the lowest bids for the construction and heating, and enjoys the satisfaction of having died game.

#### The Bids for the Work.

The bids for the construction of the city hall were as follows:

Bingham & Flynn, Portland	\$38,953
Ferguson & Houston, Astoria	30,953

E. Gustafson, Astoria	36,590
C. G. Palmberg, Astoria	36,956

The bid of the Portland firm contained the specification that plate glass would entail an additional cost of \$596; Ferguson & Houston added the specification that plate glass would cost \$700 extra and tile flooring \$1800; E. Gustafson specified \$596 extra for plate glass.

Bids for heating the building were received as follows:

J. A. Montgomery, Astoria	\$3300
S. H. Willett, Astoria	3180
Ferguson & Houston, Astoria	3290
Gardner & Kendall, Portland	2730
W. G. McPherson, Portland	3215

The bid of W. G. McPherson provided for a hot-blast heating plant, and the committee decided that this method of heating the building would be best. A water motor will be used to operate the ventilating fan, at no cost to the city.

The building will be built by Ferguson & Houston, while W. G. McPherson will install the heating apparatus. The building must be finished by May 1, 1905, and within five days thereafter the heating plant must have been installed. Ferguson & Houston's bond was fixed at \$15,000 and that of McPherson at \$1500.

The estimate of the cost of the building compiled by Councilman Nordstrom does not include the cost of the furniture. It is possible that changes may be made in the plans before the building is finished, in which event the cost may be somewhat greater, but it is thought the arrangement will prove satisfactory as it now stands. The work will be undertaken immediately.

#### The Canal Commission.

The following men have been appointed to serve on the Panama canal commission: Admiral John G. Walker, chairman; General G. W. Davis; W. B. Parsons, New York; W. H. Burr, New York; B. M. Harrod, Louisiana; C. E. Gunsky, California; F. J. Hecker, Michigan. Of these, the first six are engineers, and the last is a "business man," who served as a government director of transportation during the Spanish war. Rear Admiral Walker's appointment as chairman was logical and satisfactory, as he has participated in the investigations of the various possible canal routes, and has been closely identified with the canal from the beginning of governmental interest in it. The commission is not regarded as an especially strong one to handle so gigantic a problem. The salary for each commissioner has been fixed at \$12,000 per year, with \$15 per day additional while on the isthmus. Admiral Walker has submitted to the house committee on commerce an outline of conditions with which it will be necessary to deal. From 30 to 40 thousand laborers will be required, most of whom will be negroes and coolies. It will be needful to thoroughly police the "canal zone," which will have a population approximately of 70,000.—From The Pacific Monthly for August.

### FORT CLATSOP.

"The Plymouth Rock of the Pacific" by P. W. Gillette.

In his article in the August Pacific Monthly descriptive of the expedition which fixed the site of Fort Clatsop, P. W. Gillette, the well known pioneer, refers to this historic spot:

Lewis and Clark reached and selected this point on the 7th day of December, 1805, and on the 8th commenced to cut down trees, clear land and build their cabins. They erected seven cabins in all; the smokehouse was built first, in order to have a place to smoke and dry their meat. A storehouse was built for their ammunition stores, etc.; a small cabin for Toussaint Chabonau, the interpreter, and his wife, "Sac-a-Ja-wea," and the remainder of the cabins were used as quarters for the officers and men. As soon as the houses were completed, they constructed a strong stockade around the clearing, as a protection against the Indians.

The stockade enclosed something over a half an acre of land, and stood on the high land, about 200 yards back from the river; within and on the north side of the inclosure was a beautiful spring, which supplied the garrison with an abundance of pure water. After the fort was completed, a number of men were set to work to survey and open a trail through the forest to the ocean, three miles west.

#### Advertised Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining unclaimed for 30 days at Astoria postoffice ending August 8:

- Ackerman, Mrs. E. S.
- Atto, Mr. Johann.
- Arbore, Mr. John.
- Baker, G. M.
- Benedict, Mr. T. M.
- Bjanatron, Mr. Frank.
- Brodio, Mr. R. George.
- Carlson, Miss Annie.
- Draper, I.
- Ellison, Gus.
- Fordham, Mr. Ebb.
- Gynther, Wm.
- Harburg, Mr. L. T.
- Hieteta, John.
- Holman, Miss Nora.
- Helen, Frank.
- Johnston, Mrs. Clolette.
- Mama, Mr. Peter.
- Nelson, Miss Irene.
- Olsen, Miss Edith.
- Olsen, J. P.
- Olsen, Mr. J. M.
- Potter, J. L.
- Richardson, O. V.
- Restten, Mr. F. W.
- Robinson, Mr. Ben.
- Samerman, Mr. H. G.
- Sevopem, Mrs. A.
- Terwilliger, Chas. H.
- Weler, George.

#### Foreign.

- Petrig, Mr. Nik.
- Tungervig, Mr. Christoffer.

#### LIGHTNING AND PROFESSORS.

Trying Experience of Scientists on California Mountain Peak.

Stanford University, Aug. 8.—Dr. Barton W. Evermann, assistant in charge of scientific inquiry in the bureau of fisheries of the United States fish commission, arrived at Stanford Saturday from a five weeks' scientific expedition to Mt. Whitney, where he went in charge of a party of specialists to investigate the golden trout and other species of mountain fish in the streams of that part of the Sierras. In addition to a thorough study of the golden trout, of Mount Whitney, which is the most beautiful and in many respects the most interesting of all mountain trout, Dr. Evermann reports that several new species of fish were discovered in the streams of high altitude.

It was Dr. Evermann's party that met with a tragic experience in a thunderstorm in which John Serby, who had charge of the pack animals, was killed by lightning. The other members of the party had sought shelter under boulders from the downpour of rain, but all were more or less stunned and several of them lost consciousness. Professor Oliver P. Jenkins, head of the department of physiology at Stanford, was unconscious for more than an hour.

As soon as the storm subsided the party made their way down the mountain side, and not until two days later were they able to return and rescue the body of Serby, which had to be taken down the opposite side of the mountain on account of the steepness of the trail by which the party made the ascent. Those in the party were Dr. Evermann, Professors R. L. Green and O. P. Jenkins, of Stanford, Professor C. Juday, of the University of Colorado, and Captain C. B. Hudson, scientific artist.

#### Notice to Water Consumers.

Wednesday, August 10, is the last day on which to pay water rates to avoid the penalty charged all delinquents.

### CHURCH BUILT OF FRUIT.

One of the Old California Missions Re-produced at the World's Fair.

St. Louis, Aug. 8.—California's agricultural display at the world's fair is so extensive that some of the principal counties have separate exhibits. Santa Clara county has constructed a house of dried fruits, modeled after one of the old Spanish mission churches, built in the early days when California was a part of Mexico. This exhibit is a pavilion of prunes, peaches and apricots, with bottles of wine and olive oil and jars of fruits and grapes as window and corner decorations. The mission style of architecture has been observed throughout with its quaint overhanging cornices, niches and dome for bells.

The building is surmounted by a perfect model of the Lick observatory on the top of Mount Washington. Dried peaches are used as the main covering of the building, with apricots and prunes as ornaments and cornices, and the cross is made of prunes. The base is made of boxes of dried fruits, such as are reared for commercial exhibits, and the artistic fruit church serves as a sample room, where buyers may see but not purchase California fruits.

Inside is a free school of instruction, where world's fair visitors are taught how to cook and eat prunes. The first consignment to arrive consisted of 13 tons of dried prunes, which are being served to visitors free of cost. Coffee made of prunes, figs and grain is also served free in this odd house, the object being to teach the world the value of California fruits, both as food and drink. George E. Hyde, a prominent California fruit man, is in charge of Santa Clara county's unique exhibit.

#### DEMOCRATS OUTLINE PLAN.

Management of Campaign to Be Left to W. F. Sheehan.

New York, Aug. 8.—The national democratic executive committee was in session five hours today and upon adjournment gave out the following statement:

The location of the national headquarters was fixed at No. 1 West Thirty-fourth street. It was determined to not open branch headquarters in the west, nor name additional committees for the present. The plans of organization were taken up and thoroughly mapped out.

This epitome was authorized by Chairman Sheehan. The members of the committee are very reticent, although the statement was made that the session was harmonious and the conclusions were reached without discord. It seems to be understood the executive committee will have exclusive charge of the presidential campaign, and is, in fact, the campaign committee. This will mean that the important work of management will devolve upon William F. Sheehan and his associates.

#### World's Fair Live Stock City.

St. Louis, Aug. 8.—The attention of the world's fair management is now in great part focused on the early completion of the Forum, live stock congress hall and barns, covering more than 30 acres and constituting the "Live Stock City" of the exposition.

The live stock site is on the highest ground within the exposition enclosure, south of the palace of horticulture and adjoining a station of the Intramural railroad, with four street car lines on which passengers can be transported direct. Market cars (through), and the Taylor, Chouteau and Leclere cars by transfer at the Inside Inn.

The "Live Stock City" is a scene of great activity. The army of men and teams employed thereon day and night confirms the assurance given by President Francis that complete preparations will be made by the exposition for the display of live stock on the date advertised by the exposition.

#### MODEL SALOON IS OPENED.

Bishop Potter Praises the Movement—Private Profit Eliminated.

New York Commercial: The Subway tavern, a model saloon financed by a number of the leaders of the reform movement in the city, was formally opened yesterday at the corner of Mulberry and Bleeker streets.

Joseph Johnson, its manager, in an introductory address, said that the first object of the undertaking was to eliminate the element of private profit in the liquor business; and, secondly, to disassociate immorality from the drinking habit.

Bishop Potter said: "This is the greatest social movement New York has ever known. The republic is not to be saved by electing this man or that to office, but the work must start and be built up in the home and in places where people gather socially."

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#### OFF WITH A COMELY WIDOW.

Former McMinnville Pastor Resigns, Then Disappears.

Fresno, Cal., Aug. 8.—Rev. A. L. Platt, until a few weeks ago pastor of the Christian church at Selma, has disappeared and so has Mrs. Alle Johnson, a comely widow, who was a member of his congregation, and his conduct is now being looked into by the state board of directors.

Rev. M. Platt went to Selma with his wife about a year ago from McMinnville, Ore. Not long after arriving there he met Mrs. Johnson, a woman of much beauty. Their acquaintance soon ripened into friendship that grew stronger and stronger until at last gossip concerning the two became so prevalent that Platt resigned his pastorate and moved to Santa Cruz.

Mrs. Johnson visited in Santa Cruz soon after. Rev. Platt left on the train to accompany her to San Francisco July 25, and that is the last heard of either of them.

#### Heavy Storms in Colorado.

Denver, Aug. 8.—Specials from points in southern Colorado tell of the heaviest rain and windstorm that has swept over that portion of the state in years. Floods caused considerable damage to property of all descriptions and seriously interfered with the running of trains. Nearly all lines leading into the southern part of the state experienced washouts. From Colorado Springs as far south as the New Mexico line and west to Salda the storm held sway. Only meager details of the damage done have reached here because of the semi-demoralized condition of telephone and telegraph wires. On the continental divide near Buena Vista snow fell and the weather turned cold.

Two rockslides are reported to have occurred between Durango and Silverton on the Rio Grande road.

The garden spots of the world's fair are now in full bloom. The lover of flowers should visit the exposition within the next few weeks if he wishes to have his tastes gratified in the fullest. Enriched by plentiful rain and sunshine, and fostered by the care of an army of skilled gardeners, every flower has sprung into luxuriant bloom.

#### LAMONT NOT A CANDIDATE.

Former Secretary Not Out for Governorship of New York.

New York, Aug. 8.—Ex-Secretary of War Lamont is quoted in a World special from Millbrook, N. Y., as having declared he is not a candidate for governor of New York on the democratic ticket.

"I am not a candidate and I believe this is a year when no man should seek office," he said. "There is an excellent opportunity, in my opinion, for the election of Judge Parker and nothing should be done by anyone which might jeopardize democratic success."

#### BASEBALL.

##### American.

At Detroit—Boston, 0; Detroit, 2.  
At Cleveland—New York, 1; Cleveland, 9.  
At Chicago—Philadelphia, 6; Chicago, 5.  
At St. Louis—Washington, 9; St. Louis, 1.

##### National.

At Boston—Cincinnati, 4; Boston, 1.  
At New York—St. Louis, 3; New York, 4.  
At Philadelphia—Pittsburg, 5; Philadelphia, 10.  
At Brooklyn—Chicago, 4; Brooklyn, 1.

#### Captain Rowan Married.

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—Captain Lew S. Rowan, United States army, and Mrs. Josephine De Greayer were married in this city yesterday. Captain Rowan is best known as "the man who carried the message to Garcia."

#### Welch & Lee, Building Contractors.

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